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Subject: Timing of proposed perfluorinated compounds investigation, Portland ANG
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The issue of perfluorinated compounds in the environment is of increasing concern here in the Northwest, both on the part of EPA Region 10 and Oregon DEQ. As you may know, EPA is releasing drinking water health advisories for two chemical contaminants of this class - PFOA and PFOS (see link below). DEQ is of course encouraged that the Guard is planning investigation at the Portland ANG facility for this class of contaminants, potentially associated with airfield fire-fighting or fire-training activities. We are concerned, however, that investigation work is not scheduled to take place until 2017 at the earliest. Preliminary work for the Guard has identified a number of areas on the ANG facility where these chemicals were stored, and some releases *and are* known or suspected to have occurred.

The Portland ANG facility is located in an area where environmental impacts to groundwater or surface water, in particular, would be of great concern from the standpoint of potentially impacting human health or the environment. Nearby media that could be impacted include the Columbia River, Columbia Slough and the Portland Wellfield, the latter being the backup water supply for the City of Portland. DEQ would like to engage the Guard in discussion of: a) either moving up the time-table for proposed investigation work; or b) collection of a limited number of samples on a more expedited schedule (in 2016) to provide a preliminary screening for the potential presence of perfluorinated compounds in site stormwater or groundwater.

We would appreciate your attention on this matter ASAP. Please call or email me at your earliest convenience to discuss.

Respectfully,

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